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**First Steps Facilitator: Karen Jacobi, Representing 31 counties****Regional LICC status:**

*Reporting Date: September 12, 2003*

*Active LICCs: 9 LICCs representing 31 counties*

*Inactive LICCs: None*

*LICCs in development: None*

**Primary Outcomes of LICCs:**

1. Provider Recruitment
2. Membership Recruitment
3. Public Relations
4. Child Find
5. Quality Assurance

**Summary of activities and accomplishments:** (Two documents have been included with this report to illustrate activities the LICCs are involved in).

The NW LICCs have resumed their fall schedules following a brief summer recess. Their focus remains on developing and implementing child-find; provider recruitment; public relations and quality assurance activities.

- 20% of the Johnson County LICC is family members. Committee members continue to target local physicians for PR/child-find. Their major concerns are:
  1. Lack of representation of collaborating agencies e.g., DFS, DHSS families
  2. Adequate number of providers to serve the SPOE's geographic area;
  3. Funding for LICC to
- Tri-County LICC: Tri-County LICC representing Cass, Bates and Vernon counties scheduled the local newspaper in Butler to publish a picture of the LICC members and SPOE representative along with an article describing the First Steps program.
- Livingston-Grundy LICC: Representing Livingston, Grundy, Putman and Sullivan counties is working with the local SPOE on PR activities.
- ECCC LICC has developed a QA Survey for providers in the Clay, Platte and Ray counties. They intend to implement the survey within the next few months.

All LICCs in the NW region continue to collaborate with and provide oversight for the SPOEs in their regions. SPOE representatives are invited to the LICC meetings to provide data regarding child-find and primary referral sources and to discuss the daily operations of the SPOE. LICCs have been encouraged to contact DESE with any concerns that might surface in regards to SPOE operations.

